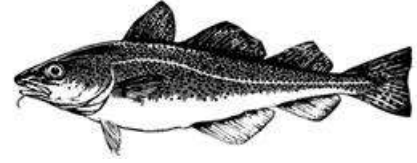


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**CHIGNIK AREA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD JIG SEASON OPENING
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The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season will open to vessels using jig gear at 12:00 noon June 29, 2012 following closure of the Central Gulf of Alaska parallel Pacific cod jig gear B Season. At the time of the June 29 state-waters season opening, all state-waters of the Chignik Management Area (Kupreanof Point to Kilokak Rocks) will open to Pacific cod fishing under state rules, including waters of the Chignik Area west of 159° W. long. adjacent to the federal Western Gulf of Alaska Area. Approximately 511,000 pounds of Pacific cod are available for harvest for the remainder of the state-waters season.

Vessel operators participating in the parallel Pacific cod season must deliver their catch prior to fishing in the state-waters season. A superexclusive vessel registration issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is required for all vessels targeting Pacific cod during the Chignik Area state-waters season.

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